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April 26, 2017

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, May 1 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Gaithersburg East Master Plan & the MARC Rail Communities Plan

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, April 29 10:00am – 2:00pm

Montgomery County law enforcement agencies and the [County's Department of Health and Human Services](#) Substance Abuse Prevention Office are co-sponsoring the County's participation in the spring DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Fifteen drop-off locations will be open to the general public throughout Montgomery County. **These locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of this take-back program.** Police Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots of the following Upcounty facilities or in the facility lobbies:

Gaithersburg:

- MCP 1st District Station/ Public Safety Headquarters, 100 Edison Park Drive
- MCP 6th District Station, 45 West Watkins Mill Road
- Gaithersburg Police Station, 14 Fulks Corner Avenue
- Asbury Methodist Village – Lobby of Hefner Bldg., 417 Russell Avenue

Germantown:

- MCP 5th District Station, 20000 Aircraft Drive
- Churchill Senior Living, 21000 Father Hurley Blvd.

All the returned medications on Drug Take-Back day will be incinerated according to federal and state environmental guidelines. For more information, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=20993

See [press release](#) for more details and the 15 drop-off locations in the county!

Notice for those traveling on southbound MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) . . .

Beginning on May 1, 2017, for the hours from 9:00am and ending at 3:00pm, Concrete Works, LLC will close the right lane on southbound MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) between South Park Avenue and Willard Avenue for a concrete apron replacement operation at 5430 Wisconsin Avenue. Weather and progress permitting, the work will be complete by May 3, 2017. The sidewalk will be temporarily closed due to the work and signage will be posted to direct pedestrians.

In case of inclement weather, the work will be performed on May 2, 2017. Those with questions prior to the start of the work should contact AJ Gordon at 410-746-1755, or at info@concreteworksmaryland.com.

Those with questions while the work is taking place should contact AJ Gordon at the above number or site manager Bob Moore at 410-935-2480 or at robmoore12@verizon.net.

A message from the Maryland Aviation Administration . . .

**Parallel Taxiway Closure at Montgomery Airpark
May 1, 2017 through August 15, 2017
(estimated effective dates)**

Construction on improvements to the taxiway at the Montgomery Airpark are expected to begin May 1 and continue through August 15. A notification bulletin will be going to neighboring airports to inform pilots of the project.

Continued safe operations at the Airpark dictate that there will be no touch and go operations during the construction period. Please anticipate that touch and go operations will resume once the construction is completed.

**Montgomery County Council to commemorate
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Tuesday, May 2 11:00am
Council Office Building, Third Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The County Council will host a special event to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with community leaders. According to the Montgomery County Planning Board, more than 160,582 County residents identify themselves as Asian American or Pacific Islander, which represents 15.4 percent of the County's population. In this group, 29,647 residents are from China, 23,866 are from India and 12,168 are from Korea. More information can be found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LVtCm8bnPY&feature=youtu.be>.

More details at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21005

**Montgomery County's 26th Annual Affordable Housing Summit
"Charting the Course: Bold Ideas in a Time of Uncertainty"
Friday, May 5 8:00am-4:30pm
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda**

Montgomery County invites you to attend as our guest, the 26th Annual Affordable Housing Summit. For additional information on the Summit, please visit the [Affordable Housing Conference website](#).

Move More Montgomery Festival
Saturday, May 6 12:00n-4:00pm
Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville



The Montgomery County Department of Recreation will host the **2nd Annual Move More Montgomery Festival** in order to encourage residents to get up and get moving which will lead to better health and wellness. The Department of Recreation is committed to healthy living through healthy eating and physical activity. This ambitious and comprehensive new program endeavors to inform and enhance the health and wellness of residents. ***The event is free and open to the public! You can even bring your dog!***



The 3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest
Saturday, May 6 11:00am – 4:00pm
Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm
506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

A free event!

On May 6th, the 3rd annual Montgomery County GreenFest is moving Upcounty!

We are taking over Bohrer Park with music, films, speakers, exhibitors and workshops all focused on building community and improving our environment.

GreenFest has activities for all ages:

- Relax to local musicians (bring a blanket to lay on the lawn by the playground)
- Bring the kids to our new Kids Pavilion with games, arts and crafts and special guests
- Visit the Electric Vehicle and Car Show, or even take a test drive
- Explore the more than 100 exhibitors and vendors
- Participate in a workshop or a local food demonstration
- Grab a bite to eat at a food truck
- And much more!

For the latest info and updates on the schedule, visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org. Add GreenFest to your calendar: bit.ly/GreenFest2017

Montgomery County will provide sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services upon request — with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) business days before GreenFest. Contact Jessica Jones at 240-777-7753 (voice) or send a request to askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov. Taking these steps will help us have sufficient time to best meet your needs.

The Montgomery County GreenFest is brought to you by the Montgomery County Government, Montgomery Parks, the City of Gaithersburg, WSSC, GreenWheaton, Poolesville Green, Silver Spring Green, Bethesda Green, the City of Takoma Park, the City of Rockville, the University of Maryland Extension, and MCPS Outdoor Environmental Education

Last year, GreenFest was attended by over 1,200 Montgomery County residents, and over 100 local businesses and organizations participated as exhibitors.



Kentlands Day

May 6 10:00am – 3:00pm

Kentlands Market Square

Intersection of 40 Market St/ Kentlands Blvd/ Market St, Gaithersburg

The 9th Annual Kentlands Day celebrates the Greater Kentlands Community with a parade, carnival, entertainment, food, charity, and more.

Design for Life Showcase

Saturday, May 13 10:00am-2:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Building

One Veterans Place, Silver Spring

Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services is hosting the Design for Life Showcase. The event brings building professionals together to display projects and homes with accessibility features. Plan your beautiful home renovations and be prepared for all ages and stages of life with a Montgomery County Property tax credit to help you pay for it.

[Register here for free ticket](#) or call 311 or 240-777-0311 for more information!

Hogan and Leggett Announce Advancement of I-270 Congestion Relief Project

Governor Larry Hogan joined with County Executive Ike Leggett and Maryland State Highway Administrator Gregory Slater recently in announcing next steps to fast-track congestion relief along I-270. The plan will use innovative traffic management solutions to allow vehicles to move more efficiently along I-270 between I-70 and I-495.

See the State's press release <http://governor.maryland.gov/2017/04/19/governor-larry-hogan-announces-advancement-of-i-270-congestion-relief-project/>

New Infrastructure Initiatives

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and senior members of his staff met recently with the leadership of our Federal agencies to discuss new infrastructure initiatives and to ensure that the County is addressing concerns that could impact accessibility and functionality issues associated with our Federal installations as well as the needs of the local Federal workforce. Montgomery County is honored to be the home of 18 Federal agencies and research facilities of national acclaim. For years, our Federal installations have been the backbone of our community's economy, and we value the benefits that these facilities provide to the County in terms of jobs, business collaboration, contracting opportunities and prestige.



Montgomery County Cuts Ribbon at First Commercial PACE Project

Montgomery County is proud to announce the first completed project in the County's [Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy \(C-PACE\) financing](#) program. The project at the Shady Grove Professional Building and the adjacent Comfort Inn Shady Grove in Gaithersburg, owned by Rock Grove Associates LTD Partnership, is the first C-PACE project recognized in the State of Maryland.

What is C-Pace? Visit <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2016/first-cpace-project-groundbreaking/> for details.

Ribbon-Cutting for *ultraMontgomery* Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett participated in a ribbon-cutting to opening a direct fiber route underneath Potomac River connecting Rockville to Ashburn data centers. This new robust, secure, diverse fiber routing for businesses will be especially useful to business sectors identified in Comprehensive Economic Strategy.

ultraMontgomery is a keystone of County Executive Ike Leggett's [Six-Point Economic Plan](#). It is a high-speed fiber network that will connect our business, academic and federal institutions along major corridors and transit-oriented smart-growth communities. Other points include:

- To enhance our broadband connectivity, we are considering a range of options, including requirements to improve building access for broadband networks and policies to add conduit for fiber installation in road and transit projects.
- To enhance our economic development, we are working to identify and nurture forward-looking businesses and have opened the County's Thingstitute, a new Internet of Things lab, to encourage and demonstrate innovation.
- By lowering infrastructure deployment costs and creating public-private partnerships, *ultraMontgomery* will expand knowledge-based jobs and businesses within the County.
- We want to continue to connect Montgomery County to other gigabit economies to share in a national gigabit community of ideas and innovation.

To learn more, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ultraMontgomery>



Join the Best Department of Correction and Rehabilitation in America

Montgomery County wants you! Check out positions available now in the areas of custody and security, mental health, medical services, food services, and administration. Good pay, health, vision, dental, life insurance, dependent care, retirement benefits and more! Opportunities for advancement. Special pay for Spanish language.

Go to [DOCR employment page](#) or call 311.

The closing date is May 20th, 2017.

Update on Snowden Farm Parkway Extended (Midcounty Highway or M-83)

(this summary is taken from the notes of the Upcounty Regional Director and Council staff)

The County Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED) met April 24 and one of the agenda items was to discuss next steps for the road project which is currently in the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.

County transportation planners are reviewing and revising the county's [Master Plan of Highways and Transitways](#), an effort that classifies each Montgomery County road in the transportation network, in the first comprehensive update to the plan since 1955. The plan will update the road network with current classifications, incorporate road changes, and align it with the County Road Code, which was comprehensively updated in 2007. The update will consolidate all roadway amendments that have been approved as part of Master Plans as well as limited functional Master Plan of Highways amendments. The new plan will also include transitways, rail stations, and other transit centers.

At a full Council session on April 4 and during the Planning Board's Semi-Annual Report, the council discussed the project briefly and what the next steps might be. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has completed its Midcounty Corridor Study Supplemental Report in February with findings that Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and M-83 do not replace each other in terms of benefit to the surrounding communities. The Council at that time tasked Planning staff to come back to the PHED Committee this week with options for including the project in the Planning Department's proposed work program.

The Planning Department's three alternatives for discussion were as follows.

Alternative #1: Accelerate the Highways Master Plan; include technical corrections and updates with minimal M-83 analysis by Planning Staff

- Could be completed around February of 2018 with action taken around June/July

Alternative #2: Delay Highways Master Plan and technical corrections by one year and transmit M-83 analysis to Council by May 2018

- Was not actively considered by committee due to fact that it could not be acted on in time for this Council

Alternative #3: Complete Highways Master Plan with technical corrections and updates immediately followed by M-83 analysis; delay Gaithersburg East and Aspen Hill Master Plans by one year

- Would include thorough analysis including overall land use
- Would come back to Council around March 2019 – around the same time the new Council would also receive from DOT cost estimates for MD355 BRT

The PHED Committee upon further discussion, decided to go with their own alternative that leaves the road project in the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways, however, a resolution will be drafted to instruct planners not to assume M-83 in their transportation capacity determinations for future master plans. All future master plan reviews would analyze capacity without consideration of this roadway. The PHED Committee will present this recommendation to the full Council.

Workshops Offered by The Community of Practice for Youth Development Practitioners

The recent 2017 Symposium served as the perfect launch for the Youth Development Community of Practice (CoP) at the Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families. The CoP is offering a diverse variety of workshops in the month of May **at no cost to you or your organization**. See the upcoming workshop dates and locations below. Please encourage your colleagues to attend. Registration is only open for a short period of time and space is limited.

Click Workshop Title Links to be Directed to Full Workshop Description

May 3, 2017

R. Guttenberg, Director Parenting Education, YMCA

[The Art of Encouragement](#)

3 hrs. 9:30-12:30 PM

Rockville, MD

May 4, 2017

K. Andersen, Clinical Director, YMCA

[Domestic Juvenile Sex-Trafficking Recognition](#)

3 hrs. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Rockville, MD

May 8, 2017

O. Perez, L. Brown, YMCA Youthlinks

[Keys to a Successful Mentoring Program: Training, Retention & Match Management](#)

4 hrs. 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Silver Spring Civic Center

May 11th and 12th (Must Attend Both)

Rosemary Pezzutto, CEO, Campfire

[Youth Mental Health First Aid](#)

4hrs. 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Mid-County Recreation Center

May 16, 2017

[LGBTQIA Ally Training: Increasing Safety and Inclusivity for Youth](#)

4 hrs 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

S. Martinez, K. Johnson, LAYC

Mid-County Recreation Center

May 17, 2017

[Cultural Competence: Are You Biased?](#)

4 hrs 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Sadiq Ali, Millionaire Manners

Mid-County Recreation Center

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>